GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF HIV AIDS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any scheme to get the HIV (AIDS) programme reviewed by any outside agency as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated 08.01.05;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therin and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the International Institutions have termed the data collected by the Government as not correct ;

(d) whether the Government has noticed any shortcomings in AIDS detection programmes at village and district levels in the states;

(e) if so, whether the Government has invited tenders for conducting AIDS detection programmes at district and village level; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Government of India is considering independent assessment of National AIDS Control Programme with the objective to review and make overall assessment of all the components of the programme. The expression of interest has been invited from both external and internal agencies by an open advertisement so that a competent agency is selected to ensure quality in assessment.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Yes Sir. Government has noticed that AIDS detection programmes (Voluntary Counselling & Testing Centres) are not available below district level. At present, such facilities have been established only at all medical college hospitals and most of the district level hospitals in the country. These facilities will be extended to remaining 108 district level hospitals, all Community Health Centres and all Primary Health Centre level in a phased manner.

(e) No Sir.

(f) Does not arise.